Crops/Weeds	Pests	Potential Biological Contro Agen s
Maize	Stem borer	Trichogramma
Sorghum	Stem borer	Trichogtamma
Castor	Cutworm	Telenomus
Gram & Arhar	Pod borer	Chrysopa Chelonus Bracon Nuclear Polyhedrosis virus
Tomato	Fruit borer	Chrysopa Chelonus Bracon Trichogramma Nuclear Polyhedrosis virus
Apple	San Jose Scale	Encarsia Aphytis Chilocoris
	Woolly aphid	Aphelinus;
	Cod ling moth	Trichogramma
Citrus	Mealy bugs	Cryptolemus
Grape	Mealy bugs '	Cry ptolaemus
Coconut	Black headed caterpillar	Bracon Parasierola
Water Hyacinth	..	Neochatina
Salvinia	..	Cyrtoauous

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Chilly Crops affected by virus in Andhra Pradesh

2277. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the fact that Chilly crop is badly affected by virus in some districts of Andhra Pradesh and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the estimated loss; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN); (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the information given by State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the chilli crop has been affected by a virus disease for the first time in Guntur, Prakasam and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh. The estimated crop Ioss has been reported to be 15,829 and 6,143 tonnes in Guntur and Prakasam districts, respectively. The surveys for loss estimates in Krishna district are in progress. No incidence of virus has been noticed in the other major chilli growing districts of Warangal and Khammam.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard:

(i) A team of scientists from Agricultural Research Station, Lam (Guntur) along with the officers of State Department of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh surveyed the disease affected areas to study the problem and to render suitable advice to the farmers. The team identified the problem due to virus. Subsequently, the investigations at International Crops Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad also confirmed the malady due to virus.

(ii) To improve the crop condition, the farmers have been advised by the specialists to spray the affected crop with urea (100 gm) mixed with 50 gm of muriate of potash, in 10 litres of water.